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game, eleven can play that game. You know how I could start playing it? By accepting Senator Bruning's provocation and letting my motion stay up there and this bill will lay over until Senator Wickersham can come back and tell us whether he wants to take it up or not. Senator Bruning isn't worth that much to me. But you know why I won't leave it up there? Because of my seatmate here, Senator Thompson, she talked to me about the situation. And it is the respect that I have for Senator Thompson that will lead me to pull that motion. I can be a very hard man. And I know how to become 100 percent political from stem to stern, fore to aft if that's not redundant. But I won't use this opportunity to demonstrate that ability and that capacity. But I want it clear to everybody by saying that which is hanging in the air but will not be articulated by anybody, other than me, today is not the end of the story. I can tell the rest of the story right now, if I choose to. But we're going to let it play out. When political parties have people who are rogues and undermine the integrity of the party, there is discipline. When the Executive Board, of which I'm a member, is disrespected, same thing. People upset with that, I'm speaking the reality that you all know exists, and it is my job to give words to those things which need to be spoken but which will not be spoken. Can a person hide behind Senator Wehrbein? Can a person hide behind Senator Wickersham? Can a person hide behind the skirts of Senator Stuhr? Maybe so and maybe not. Sometimes it is wise for a person to just swallow spit and be quiet after he has blundered in the first place. But to throw a stone through a plate glass window and expect no repercussions is the height of folly.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know very well what it is that I'm saying, every word that I'm saying I mean, because you see I don't owe anything to anybody on this floor, and I will take low to nobody on this floor. But when I feel that I've been affronted, I know how to deal with that kind of situation, and I deal with it in my own way in my own time. When you least expect it, smile, you're on "Candid Camera".

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator